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FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITH REGARD TO PALESTINIAN
REPRESENTATION IN LIBYA --

A. PLO REPRESENTATION. PLO OPERATES LARGE INFORMATION
OFFICE DOWNTOWN TRIPOLI WHICH HAS SIX TO EIGHT FULL-TIME
AND TWENTY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. NO INFORMATION ON DATE
OFFICE FIRST ESTABLISHED, BUT ASSUME MID-SIXTIES. CHIEF
PLO REP IS SULAYMAN SURAFA (ABU TARIQ). DEPUTY IS KAMAL
AL-DIN SIRRAJ (ABU NABIL).

B. PLO COMPONENT ELEMENTS. IN ADDITION TO PLO INFORMATION
OFFICE, FOUR OF THE MAJOR LIBERATION GROUPS HAVE
OFFICIAL OFFICES IN TRIPOLI:

1) AL-FATAH -- ABOUT TEN FULL-TIME AND TWENTY PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES. CHIEF REP IS SULAYMAN SHURAFI (SAME AS
PLO) AND DEPUTY IS ABU MAJID. DATE OFFICE ESTABLISHED
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UNKNOWN.

2) POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE
(PDFLP) -- OFFICE HEAD IS ABU BASSAM. NO OTHER INFORMATION.

3) POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) --
OFFICE HEAD IS ABU AL-ABD YUNIS. BELIEVED TO HAVE TWO OR

THREE FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS. DATE OPENED UNKNOWN.

4) POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE -- GENERAL
COMMAND (PFLP-GC). OFFICE HEAD AHMAD AL-KHADRA (ABU AMR).
BELIEVED TO HAVE TWO OR THREE FULL-TIME AND SEVERAL
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. YEAR ESTABLISHED UNKNOWN.

C. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. NO PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION
APPEARS ON DIPLOMATIC LIST OR IS ACCORDED FORMAL
DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS NO DOUBT
THEY ARE AFFORDED SPECIAL TREATMENT BY THE LIBYAN
AUTHORITIES. OFFICE HEADS ARE GENERALLY TREATED LIKE
AMBASSADORS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC RANK. LIAISON WITH
ALL PALESTINIAN OFFICES IN TRIPOLI IS HANDLED BY THE ARAB
AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS
(HEADED BY AL-HADI FADHIL) RATHER THAN THE FOREIGN
SECRETARIAT WHICH HANDLES DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.
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